

**REPLIES TO WEYLER.**

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**The Cubans in Key West Will Be Avenged If He Is Injured—Spanish Soldiers Sick.**

New York, November 28.—Intrigue Jose Varona, editor of Patria, the official organ of the Cuba junta in this city, and ex-deputy from Havana to the Madrid parliament, makes a detailed reply to Captain General Weyler's statement made to a representative of the Associated Press in Havana.

Senor Varona said regarding General Weyler's statement that Maceo is continually scattering his forces in order to escape the Spanish columns, which he says are hunting him, the conclusion he draws from the scattering of the forces is absurd. It does not follow that because the forces

to avoid capture. The waterfiring of force by the Maceo is due to a preconcerted plan. The forces are scattered and concentrated at will by Maceo and he thereby makes sure of losing as few men as possible and he knows how to win when it is least expected by General Weyler. Maceo's tactics can not afford to lose as many men as Weyler's. Spain sends men like droves of sheep to the slaughter. Tactics of which General Weyler complains are evidence of Maceo's superiority as a military tactician over Weyler.

"General Weyler's promise for the pacifying of the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara is shown to be false by the fact that the rebels have sustained themselves in those provinces ever since the

of the rebel numbers, notwithstanding that the railroad and telegraph facilities are in the hands of the Spaniards, the result of approach to these provinces from Havana and the other provinces of the eastern division and all the resources furnished to the troops by an established government—in the face of all this and of the constant depletion of ranks by fevers, the Cubans have held out and will not be subdued in those provinces.

"His further assurance that Holguin, Puerto Principe and Bayamo are unecessarily protected is a fallacy in itself. He says that the force of arms in the latter section has been weakened by the single fact of the lamentable death of Jose Marti. Appreciating fully the great loss which the rebels have suffered through his death, I am nevertheless of opinion that the forces of General Calixto Garcia are not only adequate

age to the revolution, but has been instrumental in bringing many additional followers to the flag of ~~the~~ Cuba. We have located these provinces are most favorable to the cause of the revolution. We have most of our adherents there. The troops are better provided for and it is easily accessible for expeditions.

"The ten years' war amply proved that the war could easily be carried on indefinitely in the provinces and by holding only those provinces we could make perpetual war on Spain."

Leaving the question of military tactics, ~~Senior~~ Varona turned his attention toward the northern of General Weyler's statement that the Cuban revolution seeks to show that the Cubans are not such savages as the Spanish say they claim to be. He continued:

"Mr. Weyler told your correspondent that the U. S. Spain granted ample and numerous Cuban representations and that the Cubans were not such savages as the Span-

in the testament of equal riches with the European Spaniards in the colonies. He also told your correspondent that the provincial and municipal laws are alike in force in Spain. He assures you that your correspondent has the Cuban freedom of the press, public works and association, and that the laws of Madrid are the laws of Cuba.

"In reply to that permit me to state that the Cuban representation of which the general boards consist and to which the two cañeros, first because the number of Cuban electors is limited in such a manner that they represent only about 3 per cent of the population; second, the law was framed in such a manner that the resident Spaniards would have the major proportion of the representation.

"And finally the general hastened to assure your correspondent that Cuba has not been asked to contribute toward the expenses of the government in crushing the rebellion. The

the maintenance of the Spanish fleet, which has been derived entirely from the placing of Cuban bonds, guaranteed by Cuban debt and the sale of Cuban bonds. The second of these is the fact that the Cuban interior loan which Weyler has effected has been done only after assuring the Spanish people that as soon as the debt was made it would be paid. The third is that he would have to pay all the expenses of the war should Spanish victory result.

"This state of affairs only serves to increase the determination and make impossible for the way to be opened for arrangements. In such an event Cuba would be overwhelmed, plunged into an abyss of poverty from which it could not emerge for a century or more. Nothing but complete and complete independence will satisfy the Cuban patriots. They are bound to fight and they will not lay down their arms until they have secured the peace they cherish so much."

**Havana Advice.**

Havana, November 28.—During recent skirmishes in the provinces the insurgents last twenty-six killed, the troops captured the flag and on the government side a lieutenant.

nant and eight soldiers were wounded.  
A band of insurgents recently opened fire  
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